

DARIEN REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

Rules Committee

Minutes of a Regular Meeting Held November 15, 2004

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Attendance:	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6
Hoyt	X	Thorne X	Maroney X	Pontius	Pegler X	Armour X
Smith	X	Warren	Morton X	Rayhill X	Wenger X	Riccardo X
						Swenson X

X = present for
all or a portion
of the meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Armour chaired the meeting. The Committee began by electing its officers for 2004-2005. Upon motions duly made and seconded, the following Committee members were unanimously elected as Chair: Mrs. Armour; Vice Chair: Mr. Morton; and Clerk: Ms. Riccardo.

The Committee then turned its attention to assigning RTM members to the RTM's standing committees for the coming year. During the course of its deliberations, the Committee noted that no District's representation on a Committee should overwhelm that of another District, but that vacancies within Districts and the stated preferences of RTM members would have an impact on the distribution of members among the committees. The Committee also considered the attendance records of incumbent RTM members at the meetings of their respective committees.

Given some of the difficulties that the Committee members faced in assigning the members of their Districts to the standing committees, it was suggested that certain of the committees should be merged together. The Committee discussed which committees would be likely candidates for merger, and noted that the Town's Charter will have to be revised to achieve that goal.

Each District's team of Committee members summarized their selections for the standing committees. Particular attention was paid to the assignment of RTM members to the Parks & Recreation Committee, and its resulting size. That committee suffered acute attendance problems during 2003-2004, and Mr. Swenson (who is a member of Parks & Rec) wanted to assure that the Parks & Rec Committee would be able to conduct its business, with a quorum, during 2004-2005. In light of the concerns about the Parks & Rec Committee, Mr. Hoyt offered to contact one of the incumbent District 1 appointees to confirm whether the appointee will be able to meet his obligations to the committee during the coming year. Mr. Hoyt will advise the appointee that he can be re-assigned to another committee if he feels that he will be unable to attend Parks & Rec Committee meetings with reasonable frequency.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously agreed to the standing committee assignments detailed on the attached chart (page 3), with the understanding that there may be a re-assignment in District 1.

The Committee then set the agenda for the RTM's upcoming State of the Town Meeting as follows:

**AGENDA FOR RTM STATE OF THE TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2004**

- 1. Announcements.**
- 2. Report of the Board of Selectmen by Mrs. Klein.**
- 3. Report of the Board of Education by Mrs. Raleigh, featuring progress on the new High School and the Tokeneke School proposal.**
- 4. Report of the Board of Finance by Mr. Hovell.**
- 5. Report of the Planning & Zoning Commission by Mr. Damanti.**

It was agreed that the speakers should be asked to limit their remarks to 10 minutes.

Mrs. Armour then noted that the following matters should be on the agenda for the first RTM meeting in **January 2005: The Lease Amendment for the Darien Boat Club** (previously assigned to the Parks & Recreation (primary), Finance & Budget and Planning Zoning & Housing Committees); and **Proposed ordinances regarding public pools and barber/cosmetology shops** (previously assigned to the Health & Social Services (primary) and TGS&A Committees). A public hearing regarding the latter has been held.

Last, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Riccardi, Clerk

(N.B. The Committee neglected to consider and accept the minutes of its meeting on October 4, 2004. This matter should be addressed at the Committee's next meeting.)

Darien RTM — Standing Committee Assignments 2004-2005

EDUCATION	FINANCE & BUDGET	PARKS & REC	PZ&H	PUBLIC SAFETY	PUBLIC WORKS	TGS&A	HEALTH & SOCIAL SVCS.
L. Schneider	R. Hoyt	M. Gartland	G. Grimes	Vacancy	J. Cook	S. Scudder	Vacancy
Vacancy	F. Smith	R. Stewart*	T. Sickinger	Vacancy	Vacancy	B. Puzyk	Vacancy
	E. Coburn						
S. Maguire	M. Thorne	J. Howe	M. Magida	K. Goersch	Vacancy	J. Warren	D. Bolotin
Vacancy	Vacancy		A. Sullivan	P. Weicker		Vacancy	P. Gray
			L. Clark				J. Grogan
T. Duffy	J. Concannon	T. Moore	P. Luongo	J. Bosee	D. Bayne	E. Coyle	Vacancy
J. Lamendola	S. Morton	Vacancy	R. Young	S. Helms	J. DeVita		
D. Maroney	H.W. Smith			D. Kelly			
Joan Davis	A. Millar	B. Fletcher	A. Cameron	C. Schoonmaker	F. Kemp	H. Artinian	G. Sohns
S. Morrison	M. Pontius	D. Maloof	D. Gebauer	P. Weyhe	B. Rayhill		
S. Savage		L. Pratt					
N. Doying	H. Pegler	P. D'Arinzo	J. van der Kieft	J. Patrick	M. Dailey	S. Balian	Vacancy
J. Hendrickson	V. Wenger	P. Ritchey	J. Kratky	Vacancy	L. Galvin	Jack Davis	
M. Stegelmann		C. Russell					
F. Weismiller	R. Carroll	G. Swenson	D. Conologue	V. Riccardo	C. Andrew	L. Plehaty	B. Kominiek
J. Whitehead	Vacancy	W. Tamme	L. Fingar	Vacancy	E. Berl	Vacancy	Vacancy

Boldface = Rules Committee Member

*May be re-assigned.